

As a current owner of HDTV equipment I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. I watch very little live TV today--instead I either watch TIVO PVR or tape to VCR. The broadcast flag has the potential to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy--and in all probability would be so used. The ability for the home user to time shift viewing has been an important part of TV growth over the last couple of decades. I feel that this ability by the common public is much more important than the alleged copying of movies for mass reproduction--by ordinary people--that the MPAA would like you to believe they are concerned about. Transmittal of full movies at current Internet speeds--they've gotta be kidding. MPAA knows full well that mass pirating would come from professionals and that the broadcast flag would barely slow them down. The only ones who will lose if the flag is implemented/allowed is the end user.

I support the "Consumer Technology Bill of Rights" endorsed by www.DigitalConsumer.org.